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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 10 May 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.


b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

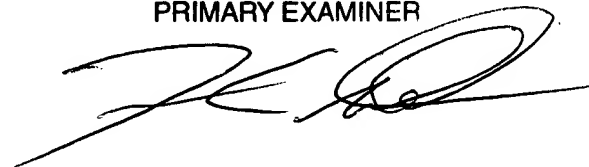
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.


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The IDS filed on 9/13/2005 along with the references cited therein has been considered. However, the cited references are not believed to read on the claimed subject matter and in particular are not believed to disclose a server that transmits an instruction for changing the storage period (of the image data) to the terminal apparatus in accordance with a request by the terminal apparatus, wherein the storage period is changeable from the terminal apparatus.

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COMPLETION OF RECORD

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Japanese Decision of Rejection dated June 14, 2005, together with an English language translation of the same, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-037283, in which the following document was cited:

(1) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2000-196798, together with an English language abstract of the same.

The relevance to the document, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner is set forth in the Japanese Decision of Rejection.

Applicant hereby submits a copy of a European Search Report dated July 5, 2005, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 04 00 0875.7, in which the following documents were cited:

(2) U.S. Patent No. 5,786,817;

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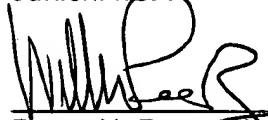
- ML (3) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 845 894, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,233,318;
- ML (4) International Patent Publication No. WO 98/23058;
- ML (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,675,507. Applicants note that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement;
- ML (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,848,137; and
- ML (7) International Patent Publication No. WO 97/09682.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner are set forth in the European Search Report.

Applicant notes that the Notice of Allowance has already been issued and the issue fee paid in the present application and thus, consideration of the documents (1)-(4) and (6)-(7) cannot be requested. Nevertheless, copies of the above-cited documents are being submitted to complete the record.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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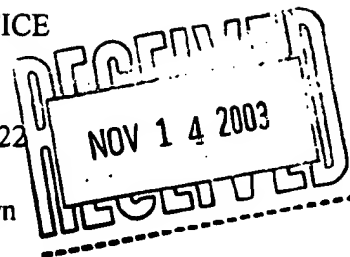
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 10, 2003, Applicant hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a Canadian Office Action dated September 15, 2003 for related Canadian Application No. 2,280,838, to the Examiner's attention:

- mw* (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,737,395 to IRRIBARREN, issued on April 7, 1998;
- mw* (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,675,507 to BOBO II, issued on October 7, 1997; and
- mw* (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,559,721 to ISHII, issued on September 24, 1996.

The relevance of these documents is as noted on the attached copy of the Canadian Office Action. Also, Applicant notes document (2) was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 10, 2003, and thus, a copy of the same is not attached hereto.

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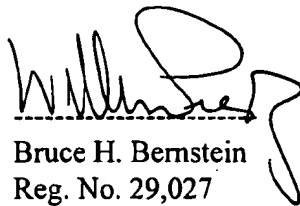
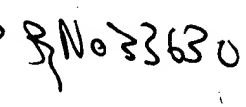
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite each of the above-noted patent documents. All of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby call the following documents, which were cited during the prosecution of parent application no. 09/314,960, to the Examiner's attention:

In an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on August 20, 1999, the following documents were cited:

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(1) Unexamined Japanese Publication No. HEI 9-233243, published on September 5, 1997, along with an English language Abstract of the same;

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(2) Unexamined Japanese Publication No. HEI 10-107836, published on April 24, 1998, along with an English language Abstract of the same;

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(3) U.S. Patent Application No. 08/930,609, filed on October 14, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,208,426 to SAITO et al., issued on March 27, 2001);

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mw (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 08/930,614, filed on October 14, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,088,125 to OKADA et al., issued on July 11, 2000);

mw (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 08/930,610, filed on October 14, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,211,972 to OKUTOMI et al., issued on April 3, 2001);

mw (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/084,938, filed on May 28, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,266,160 to SAITO et al., issued on July 24, 2001);

mw (7) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/104,177, filed on June 25, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,351,316 to SAITO et al., issued on February 26, 2002); and

mw (8) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/314,958, filed on May 20, 1999 (still pending).

In an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on June 14, 2000, the following document was cited:

mw (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233, to TOYODA et al., issued on March 9, 1999.

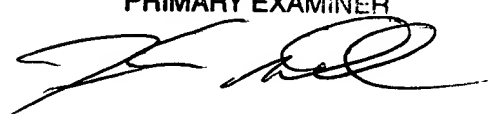
In an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on December 7, 2000, the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report mailed November 13, 2000 with respect to related application No. EP 9911045.4, were cited:

mw (10) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 845 894, to PICARD et al., published on June 3, 1998;

mw (11) PCT Application No. WO 98/23058 to FREISHTAT et al., published on May 28, 1998;

mw (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,675,507 to BOBO II, issued on October 7, 1997;

mw (13) U.S. Patent No. 5,848,137 to HSIAO, issued on December 8, 1998; and



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mw (14) PCT Application No. WO 97/09682 to KIKINIS, published on March 13, 1997.

In an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on March 5, 2001, the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notice of the Reasons for the Rejection mailed on December 5, 2000 with respect to related counterpart Japanese Application No. HEI 10-372959, were cited:

mw (15) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-247179, published on September 14, 1998, along with an English language Abstract;

mw (16) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-191010, published on July 21, 1998, along with an English language Abstract;

mw (17) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-150462, published on June 2, 1998, along with an English language Abstract;

mw (18) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-107836, published on April 24, 1998, along with an English language Abstract; and

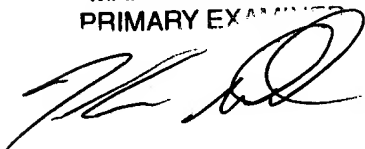
mw (19) PCT International Publication WO 97/38510, published on October 16, 1997.

In an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on June 21, 2001, the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notice of the Reasons for the Rejection mailed on March 21, 2001 with respect to related counterpart Japanese Application No. HEI 10-372959, were cited:

mw (20) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-326288, published on December 8, 1998, along with an English language Abstract;

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(21) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-228428, published on August 25, 1998, along with an English language Abstract; and

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(22) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-191010 (mentioned above).

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Applicant also calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

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(23) U.S. Patent No. 6,307,643 to OKADA et al., issued on October 23, 2001; and

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(24) U.S. Patent No. 6,396,592 to OKADA et al., issued on May 28, 2002.

Applicant notes that documents (23) and (24) are divisionals of above-mentioned U.S.S.N. 08/930,614 (U.S. Patent No. 6,088,125).

In an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-mentioned parent application on March 17, 2003, the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notice of the Reasons for the Rejection mailed on December 17, 2002 with respect to related counterpart Japanese Application No. HEI 10-372959, were cited:

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- (25) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-191010 (mentioned above); and
 - (26) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-35915, published on February 10, 1994, along with an English language Abstract.

In an Office Action issued in the above-mentioned parent application on March 14, 2003, the Examiner cited the following documents:

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- (27) U.S. Patent No. 6,157,706 to RACHELSON, issued on December 5, 2000;
 - (28) U.S. Patent No. 6,009,153 to HOUGHTON et al., issued on December 28, 1999;
 - (29) U.S. Patent No. 5,872,845 to FEDER, issued on February 16, 1999; and
 - (30) U.S. Patent No. 5,862,202 to BASHOURA et al., issued on January 19, 1999.

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Applicant notes that only those documents which were not previously submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement in parent application no. 09/314,960 (i.e., documents (3)-(8), (23) and (24)) are attached hereto in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 19.8(d).

Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents (i.e., documents (3)-(8), (23) and (24)) are attached and all of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/506,336 to SAITO et al., entitled "Internet Facsimile Apparatus", filed on February 18, 2000. Applicant notes that this application is a divisional of above-mentioned U.S.S.N. 09/084,938 (U.S. Patent No. 6,266,160);

mw
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/773,711 to SAITO et al., entitled "Facsimile Communication Method and Facsimile Machine", filed on February 2, 2001. Applicant notes that this application is a continuation of above-mentioned U.S.S.N. 08/930,609 (U.S. Patent No. 6,208,426);

mw
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/978,033 to OKADA et al., entitled "Facsimile Machine and Communication Result Notifying Method", filed on October 17, 2001. Applicant notes that this application is a divisional of above-mentioned U.S. Patent No. 6,396,592; and

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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/277,137 to IIDA, entitled "Network Facsimile Apparatus", filed on October 22, 2002. Applicant notes that this application is also a continuation of parent application no. 09/314,960.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Sir:

In Response to the Notice of Allowance dated March 25, 2005, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus connected to a terminal apparatus via a network, the communication apparatus comprising:

a memory that stores image data and a storage period of the image data;

a checker that determines whether a storage time of the image data exceeds the storage period;

a deleter that deletes image data based on a determination by said checker; and

a server that transmits an instruction for changing the storage period to the terminal apparatus in accordance with a request by the terminal apparatus, wherein the storage period is changeable from the terminal apparatus.

2. (Original) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, the instruction including an image file.

3. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said server transmits the image file, including a plurality of predetermined storage periods, and changes a storage period in accordance with a designation of one of the predetermined storage periods of the image file at the terminal apparatus.

4. (Original) The communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the image file comprises a HTML file.

5. (Original) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the storage period is changeable for a group of plurality of image data by a single instruction.

6. (Original) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data comprises facsimile data transmitted by a facsimile communication via a telephone network.

7. (Original) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data comprises e-mail data transmitted by an e-mail communication via the network.

8. (Previously Presented) A communication method using a communication apparatus connected to a terminal apparatus via a network, the method comprising:

storing image data and a storage period of the image data;

determining whether a storage time of the image data exceeds the storage period;

deleting the image data based on a result of the determination; and

transmitting an instruction for changing the storage period to the terminal apparatus in accordance with a request by the terminal apparatus, wherein the storage period is changeable from the terminal apparatus.

9. (Original) The communication method according to claim 8, the instruction including an image file.

10. (Previously Presented) The communication method according to claim 9, wherein the transmitting transmits the image file including a plurality of predetermined storage periods, and changes a storage period in accordance with a designation of one of the predetermined storage periods of the image file at the terminal apparatus.

11. (Original) The communication method according to claim 9, wherein the image file comprises a HTML file.

12. (Original) The communication method according to claim 8, wherein the storage period is changeable for a group of a plurality of image data by a single instruction.

13. (Original) The communication method according to claim 8, wherein the image data comprises facsimile data transmitted by a facsimile communication via a telephone network.

14. (Original) The communication method according to claim 8, wherein the image data comprises e-mail data transmitted by an e-mail communication via the network.

15. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said server transmits an instruction request from the communication apparatus to the terminal apparatus upon request by the terminal apparatus, the instruction request configured to enable input of a selected storage period from the terminal apparatus to the communication apparatus.

16. (Previously Presented) The communication method according to claim 8, further comprising transmitting an instruction request from the communication apparatus to the terminal apparatus upon request by the terminal apparatus, the instruction request configured to enable input of a selected storage period from the terminal apparatus to the communication apparatus.

17. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim [[1]] 15, wherein the instruction request comprises a user setting page configured so that the storage period is changeable at the communication apparatus via an input from the terminal apparatus.

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18. (Currently Amended) The communication method according to claim [[8]] 16, wherein the instruction request comprises a user setting page configured so that the storage period is changeable at the communication apparatus via an input from the terminal apparatus.